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Dear Harold:

A rather wild hypothesis rests behind this letter. Chiefly for that reason I would like you to treat this matter confidentially, at least until I get certain things straight in my mind. I don't want to disclose anything right now, but rather want to probe you concerning your unpublished opinion about the matter.

It concerns the bullet entrance hole in the back/top of JFK's head. Tell me whether you think it possible that that hole was produced after the corpse arrived at Bethesda. I.e., that the corpse ~~was~~ deliberately wounded ~~there~~ in that part of ~~of~~ the head so as to make it appear that JFK had been hit in the head from behind on Dealey Plaza.

Your writing is clear regarding the ~~definite~~ discrepancies of the evidence pertaining to that wound-- that fact that Parkland docs and nurses did not see it, and that it was not discovered until the body got to Bethesda. Other discrepancies, too. But never mind what you have written. In between the lines of your writing I detect the suspicion that there was no such hole. Is that what you believe?

If you have unpublished evidence or opinion (firm or vague) about this, I would like to know it. Anything that lends support (or refutes) the notion that the corpse was shot in the back of the head after it left Parkland.

This is one of those things that I am somewhat embarrassed to mention because it seems so far out, and I would not like to pass the notion to anyone merely on the basis of the slight indication that I have. Wild as it is, it has been bugging me, and I would like to pursue it or to drop it-- whichever seems warranted. If my thoughts on ~~a~~ certain phenomena are correct, the matter is very important; if incorrect and pursued beyond what is warranted, then it could be a great embarrassment for us all. So for that reason I would like to be cautious and confidential.

I am sending no carbons of this letter to anyone.

Still,

Dick